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**WEST TEXAS MAN FOUND GUILTY ON FEDERAL CHILD PORNOGRAPHY
CHARGES**

United States Attorney Johnny Sutton announced today that a jury in Pecos, Texas, convicted 30-year-old Armando Orona, Jr., a former juvenile corrections officer with the West Texas State School in Pyote, Texas, on charges of receiving, possessing and distributing child pornography via the Internet. As a result, Orona faces between ten and 40 years in federal prison and a maximum \$750,000 fine.

Testimony provided during the one-day trial revealed that on December 18, 2003, this case began when agents with the United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement executed a search warrant on a residence in San Jose, CA. From that search warrant, authorities learned that the defendant, using the screen names "StiffyAlways" and "alwayshard69," was sending child pornography to the San Jose residence via the Internet. Authorities later determined that the defendant had over 1,000 images and videos depicting child pornography on his home computer. In addition, between April 28, 2004, and July 1, 2004, he was responsible for distributing at least 500 computer images and videos depicting child pornography.

"Today's conviction by a Pecos Jury reaffirms that we will not tolerate the exploitation of the most vulnerable members of our society, our children. The U.S. Attorney's Office will aggressively prosecute those who engage in child pornography," stated U.S. Attorney Johnny Sutton.

"This case exemplifies the length ICE special agents are willing to go to in order to remove these violators from our communities," stated Jeff Boyette, Resident Agent in Charge, U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement, Alpine. "It took ICE special agents working together with state and local officials in three states to arrest and convict Mr. Orona, ultimately removing him from his position of trust where he had daily contact with minors."

United States District Judge Robert Junell will sentence Orona, a resident of Monahans, Texas, in January 2005.

This case was investigated by the United States Immigration and Customs Service in Alpine, Midland and Fort Stockton together with the Ward County Sheriff's Office. Assistant United States Attorney James J. Miller, Jr., is prosecuting this case on behalf of the government.

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